

# SENATE NO. 1524

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OPTIONS OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (4) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and  
3 inserting the following sentence:

4 A member of a contributory retirement system other than the teachers' retirement system or a teacher  
5 in the State-Boston retirement system, who transfers into the teachers' retirement system or transfers  
6 into the State-Boston retirement system as a teacher may elect to participate in the alternative  
7 superannuation retirement benefit program but that election shall occur within 180 days after  
8 establishing membership in the teachers' retirement system or the State-Boston retirement system.

9 SECTION 2. Paragraph (ii) of said subdivision (4) of said section 5 of said chapter 32, as so  
10 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
11 following sentence:-

12 Such member shall have served for not less than 20 years as a teacher in order to be eligible to receive  
13 the benefit provided under this subdivision but years of membership service in a contributory

14 retirement system while employed in a public day school in the commonwealth or an education  
15 collaborative under section 4E of chapter 40, as a school nurse, school social worker, early childhood  
16 teacher, speech, occupational or physical therapist or school business administrator shall be considered  
17 years as a teacher for the purposes of this section.

18 SECTION 3. A school nurse, school social worker, early childhood, speech, occupational or physical  
19 therapist, or school business administrator, who on or before July 1, 2001 was eligible to elect to  
20 participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program or who transferred from a  
21 contributory retirement system to the teachers' retirement system or the State-Boston retirement  
22 system as a teacher under paragraph (i) of subdivision (4) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General  
23 Laws, may elect to do so on or after July 1, 2007 and before January 1, 2008.